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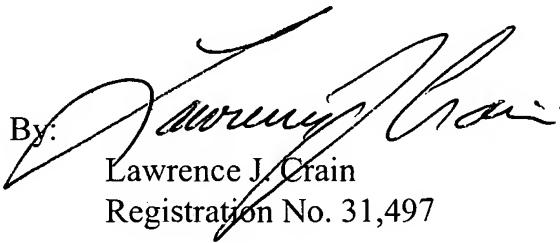
**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application and the rejection of claims 12-16 is respectfully requested. Applicant has attempted to address every objection and ground for rejection in the Office Action dated March 23, 2006 (paper No. 20060320), and believes the application is now in condition for allowance. Alternatively, the application is considered to be in better form for appeal. Applicant acknowledges that claims 1-9, 11, and 18-20 are allowed. Only claims 12-16 are rejected. With the cancellation of claims 12-16, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the issues raised in the present Official Action have been resolved.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner determines there are additional issues which may be resolved by a telephone conference, he is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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